

February 15, 2017

TO: ALL POTENTIALLY INTERESTED PARTIES:

RE: City of Montgomery (CWSRF Project No. 73740) – Wastewater System Improvements Project

The attached document is being provided for your information. This is not a permit application. No action is required from your agency.

The attached document is an environmental determination issued by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for a proposed project to be funded through the TWDB. Pursuant to the environmental assessment requirements of 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 375.61, the Executive Administrator of the TWDB has determined that the proposed action described in the attached documents may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements. A review by TWDB staff included a consideration of potential environmental impacts and permitting requirements. If there were any concerns about particular regulations or permits, the appropriate regulatory agency would have been contacted for clarification, and this would be described in the attached environmental determination.

Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Project, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231.

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As provided by the state environmental review process adopted in the rules of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 375, subchapter E, for projects to be funded through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Equivalency Program and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S. Code § 4321, et seq., the Executive Administrator of the Board has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements:

City of Montgomery, Montgomery County
Wastewater System Improvements Project
CWSRF Project No. 73740
Total Estimated TWDB Commitment: \$1,090,000

The City of Montgomery (City) is proposing to use funding from a \$1,090,000 CWSRF loan to conduct wastewater system improvements within the City's existing system. Specifically, the City proposes: (1) to replace existing lift station pumps that are currently undersized and operating above design capacity; and (2) to relocate an existing force main to accommodate the planned Texas Department of Transportation widening of Farm-to-Market 149 while upsizing the line to accommodate projected demand. In addition, the project will require adequate isolation valves, fittings, and all necessary appurtenances, including pavement repairs. This loan will fund the planning, design, and construction phases of this project.

Rerouting of the existing force main is considered a minor extension of the existing system and is therefore eligible for a Categorical Exclusion. The existing 4-inch force main along South Liberty Street will be abandoned in place. A 6-inch force main will then be installed along Flagship Boulevard to connect an existing 8-inch sanitary sewer line and 6-inch force main. All construction will be conducted within existing rights-of-ways or previously disturbed areas.

Environmental impacts should be similar to rehabilitation activities and limited to those associated with excavation, pipe installation, and road repair. According to the Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Sites Atlas, there are no previously-recorded

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significant or potentially significant sites on or adjacent to the project site, nor is the site within a protected area surrounding an historic cemetery, structure or district. According to a desktop analysis of the United States Geological Survey, National Hydrography Dataset and available topographic maps, no streams or potential wetland features were identified within the project area. Therefore, the project is not likely to adversely impact wetlands or waters of the U.S. that are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In addition, construction within existing rights-of-ways or previously disturbed areas is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat.

This decision is allowed because the specified project elements should not entail significant adverse impacts to the quality of the human environment. Documentation supporting this determination is on file at the TWDB.

This determination shall be revoked if it is found that:

- (1) the project no longer meets the requirements for a CE as a result of changes in the project;
- (2) the project involves extraordinary circumstances as described in 31 TAC Chapter 375, Subchapter E; or
- (3) the project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

The project also must comply with the following conditions:

- standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources; and
- standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened and endangered species.

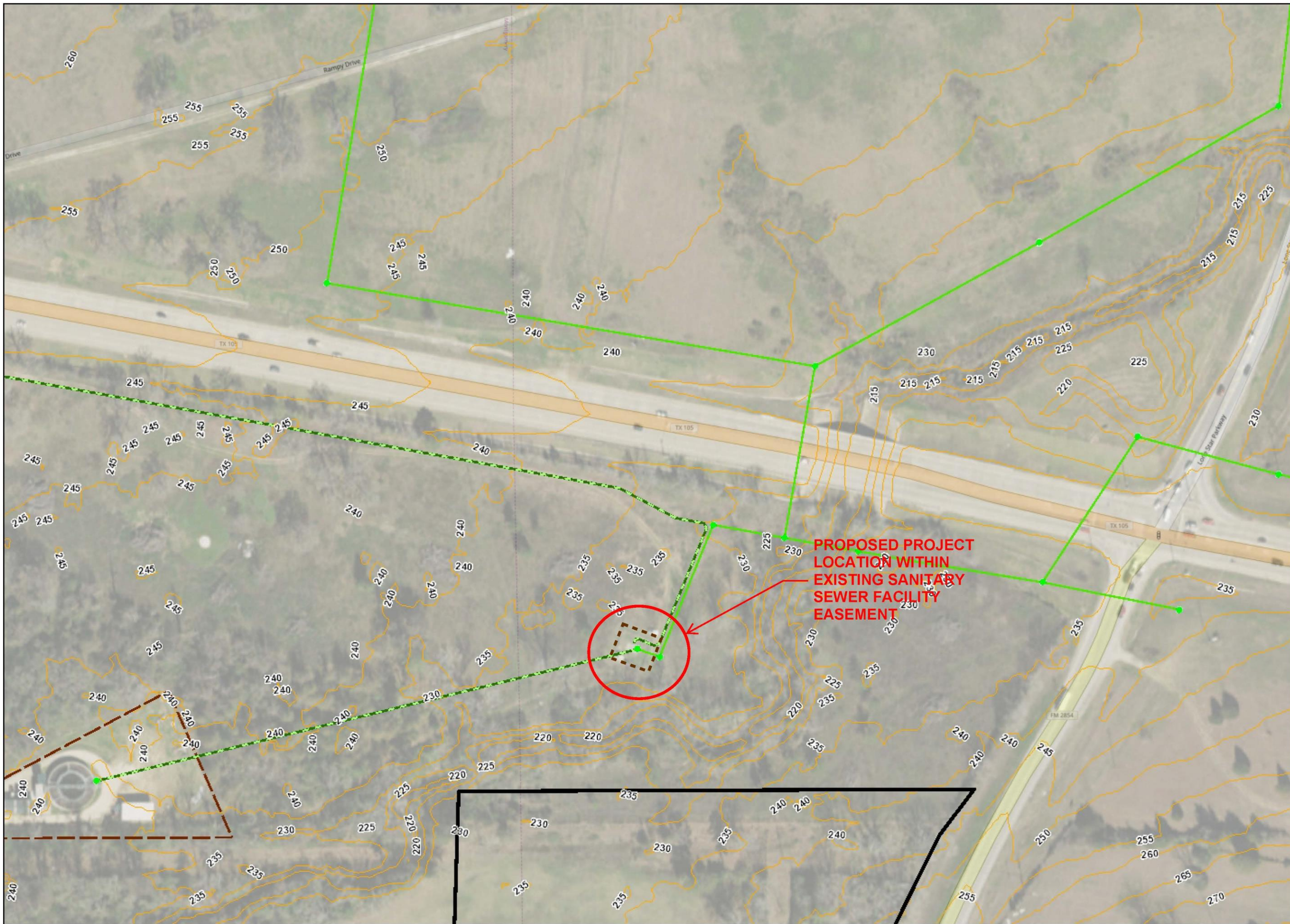
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LEGEND

- Manhole
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**PROPOSED PROJECT
LOCATION WITHIN
EXISTING SANITARY
SEWER FACILITY
EASEMENT**

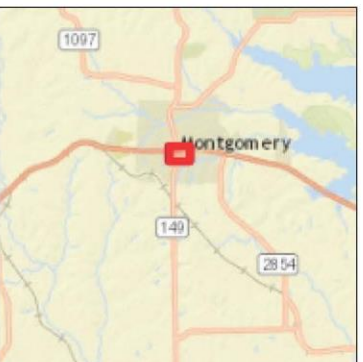
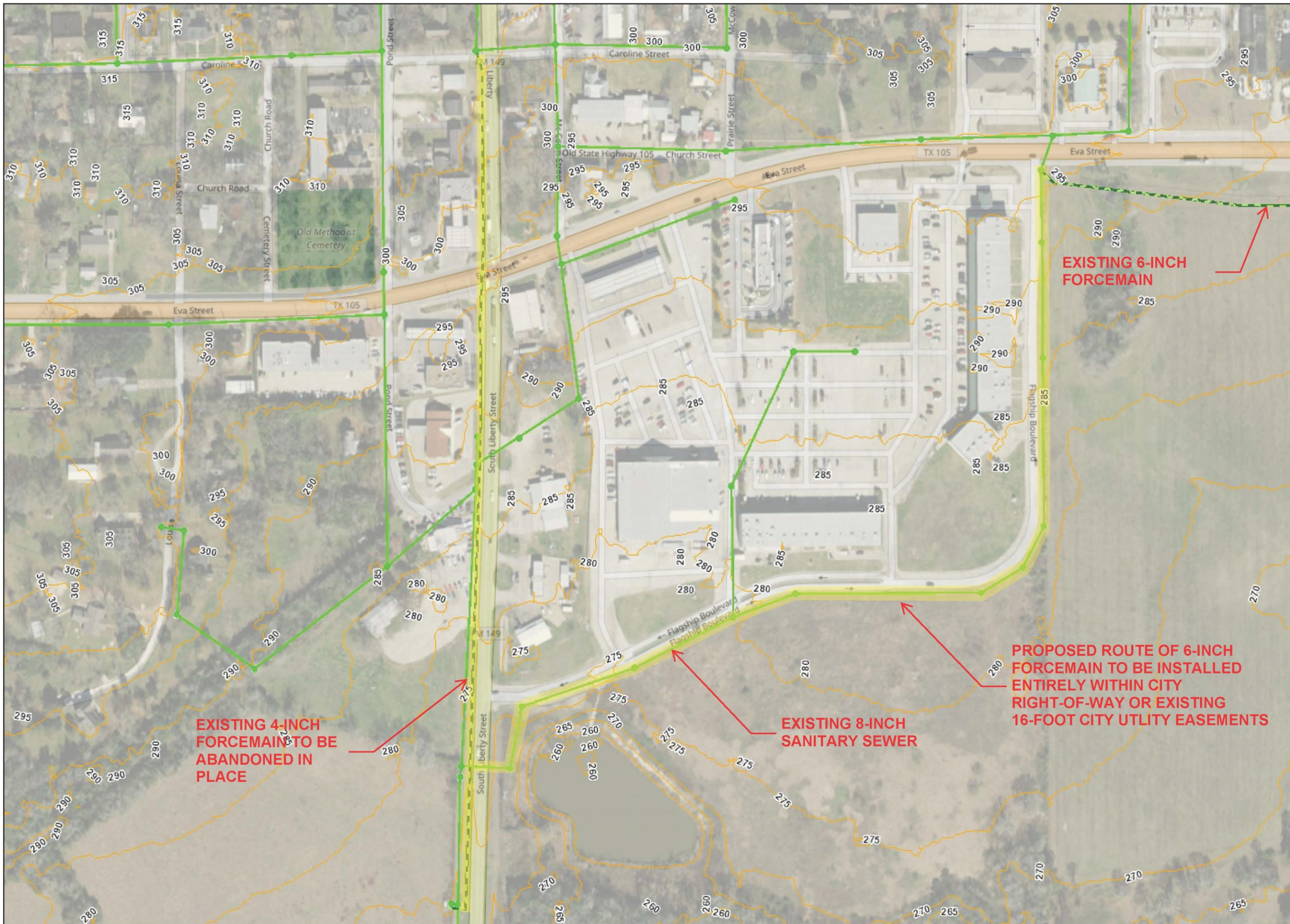
1 inch equals 167 feet



Lift Station No. 1 Improvements

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LEGEND

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1 inch equals 225 feet



LS No. 3 Forcemain Re-route

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